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Dear Health Deputies:

This is to inform you of a Thursday, August 10, 2006 meeting between the Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) and the Commission on HIV intended to address issues that have surfaced recently about our respective policy and advocacy roles, and our responsibilities and strategies to enhance communication between our two organizations.

We are pleased to share with you that the meeting produced significant constructive dialogue, and over the next several weeks, we will be:

- 1) Working to finalize the current draft of the OAPP/Commission Memorandum of Understanding;
- 2) Meeting to outline the strategies and processes to address critical state and federal HIV/AIDS policy issues [including reviewing our policy-related reporting relationships to the Department of Public Health (Department), the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) and the Board of Supervisors and its Health Deputies] and establishing a process to ensure that we communicate concerted positions on HIV/AIDS policy matters for the County of Los Angeles; and
- 3) Developing a mechanism to address differences in policy positions that include the Department, CAO, and Health Deputies, as needed.

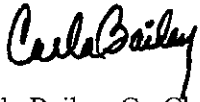
In addition, we will more routinely convene meetings between OAPP and Commission leadership to review and address relevant HIV care planning items as they emerge.

We believe that our commitment to enhanced ongoing dialogue will preclude future misunderstandings of the type characterized in communications from the last two weeks.

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We will continue to keep you apprised of our ongoing coordinated activities intended to improve our response to the local HIV/AIDS epidemic.

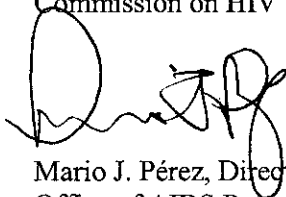
Sincerely,



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